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ANNUAL REPORT

of the

MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH

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TO THE

CHAIRMAN AND MEMBERS

OF THE

SAMFORD RURAL DISTRICT COUNCIL

Ladies and Gentlemen,

I beg to submit the interim Annual Report for the year ended 31st December, 1941.

Medical Officer of Health:
A. G. ATKINSON, M.D., Ch.B., D.P.H.
(part time from 24th October, 1941)

Sanitary Inspector:
H. WATLING, C.R.S.I.

Statistics:

AREA:	45,138 acres.
POPULATION:	13,190
INHABITED HOUSES:	3,890
RATEABLE VALUE:	65,477

Sum represented by a Penny Rate: £263

	For Infantile Mortality Rate		For Birth Rate	
Births:	M	F	M	F
Total:	96	100	91	97
Legitimate:	90	97	85	94
Illegitimate:	6	3	6	3
Stillbirths:	M	F	M	F
Total:	2	3	2	2
Legitimate:	2	3	2	2
Illegitimate:	0	0	0	0

Birth Rate per 1,000 Civilian population: 14.3
Rate for England and Wales: 14.2
Stillbirths
Rate per 1,000 Live and Stillbirths: 20.8

Deaths:

	M	F
All Causes:	79	67

Death Rate per 1,000 Civilian population: 11.1
Rate for England and Wales
Civil population: 12.9

Causes of Death:

	M	F
Bronchitis	1	6
Cancer	19	9
Cerebral haemorrhage etc.	8	3
Diabetes	1	2
Heart Disease	19	19
Nephritis	1	0
Pneumonia (all forms)	1	2
Tuberculosis - Pulmonary	4	1
do. - Non-Pulmonary	1	1
Other respiratory diseases	2	2
All other causes	22	22

Deaths from puerperal causes: NIL

Infantile Mortality:

	M	F
Deaths of infants under One year of age:	3	2
Legitimate:	2	2
Illegitimate:	1	0
Death Rate of infants under One year of age:	25.5	
Rate for England and Wales:	59.0	

	M	F
Deaths from Cancer (all ages)	19	9

Deaths from Measles, Whooping Cough, and Diarrhoea (under Two years of age): NIL.

Notifiable diseases:

Age	0-1	1-2	2-3	3-4	4-5	5-10	10-15	15-20	20-35	35-45	45-65	65+	Total	Cases admitted to Hospital	Deaths
Scarlet fever				3		3	2	1	1	1			11	8	0
Diphtheria			2						2				4	4	0
Pneumonia								1	2				3	2	0
Erysipelas										1			1	1	0
Measles	2	5	12	10	21	107	31	4	3	6			201	5	0
Whooping cough	5	3	7	5	7	38	3	2	1				71	0	0
Cerebro-spinal fever									1				1	1	1
Paratyphoid		1											1	0	0
Puerperal Pyrexia									2				2	1	0

Included in the above were the following from the Royal Hospital School, Holbrook :- Scarlet Fever 1, Pneumonia 1, Measles 3 - all treated in the School Hospital.

Tuberculosis:

Age periods	New Cases				Deaths			
	Respiratory		Non-Respiratory		Respiratory		Non-Respiratory	
	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F
0-1								
1-5			1				1	
5-15			x 1	o 1				
15-25	2	1	1		1	1		
25-35				3	1			
35-45	1							
45-55				1	1			1
55-65	† 2	1			1			
65 +								
Total	5	2	3	5	4	1	1	1

x Subsequently removed from Register as non-tubercle

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o Inward Transfer

Diphtheria Prophylaxis:

During the year the following received a full course of injections (A.P.T. 0.1 & 0.3 c.c)

(1) Children from 1-5 yrs	426
(2) Children from 5-15 yrs	1174
Total	1600

The first group includes a few children just under 1 year old - younger children not being submitted to inoculation.

It is estimated that approximately 81% of the 1-5 year children were immunised and 80% of the 5-15 year old, i.e. those on the Public Elementary School Register but does not include the boys of the Royal Hospital School, Holbrook.

These figures compare very favourably with those obtained in other counties.

I have the honour to be,

Your obedient Servant,

(Signed) A. G. ATKINSON.